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VIPD Arrest 47-year-old Man for Possession of Marijuana at Cyril E. King Airport

St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. - On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at approximately 4:00 p.m., the Virgin Islands Police Department as well as Port Authority were notified of a black male being held by Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) for luggage that failed preliminary inspection. Upon arrival, CBP explained to officers and detectives that as a result of the failed inspection, the luggage was searched, and several black vacuum sealed bags were found. Investigation revealed that CBP had detained Mr. Nikillo J. Rhymer who was traveling from Orlando to St. Thomas on August 22, 2023. Investigation also revealed that the contents of the black bags were a green leafy substance that tested positive for marijuana.

Contact was made with Mr. Nikillo Rhymer who declined to give a statement. Rhymer, 47-years-old, was advised of his Constitutional Rights and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advise of Rights Hearing. He was charged with possession with the intent to distribute and his bail was set at \$7,500.00.

This case is currently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Anyone with any information regarding this crime is urged to contact 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Detective S. Donastorg at (340)774-2211 ext. 5575 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-TIPS.

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